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1. POSITIVE MEDIA TREATMENT OF WEIZMAN VISIT (SEPTTEL)
ALSO EXTENDED TO CAIRO CONFERENCE , WHICH HOLDS ITS
THIRD PLENARY SESSION DEC 22. REPORTS SAY PROGRESS HAS
BEEN MADE IN CONCEPT OF SECURITY SINCE "IT HAS BECOME
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ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAELIS THAT PEACE IS GREATER GUARANTEE
OF SECURITY THAN LAND."

2. EGYPT FIRM. ABDEL MEGUID REPORTEDLY TAKING LINE THAT
INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES CANNOT BE AFFECTED AND ARAB
LAND SACRED. ON WEST BANK AND GAZA, EGYPTIANS STRESSING
THAT SOVEREIGNTY CAN ONLY BE EXERCIZED BY PALESTINIAN

PEOPLE WHO HAVE ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO RETURN. EGYPTIAN CONCEPT OF GUARANTEES IS THAT SECURITY FORCES SHOULD BE UNDER UN CONTROL. EGYPT SAID TO BE INSISTING THAT DMZ'S BE ON BOTH SIDES OF BORDERS.

3. REPORTS NOTE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SECRETARY VANCE WILL PARTICIPATE IN CAIRO CONFERENCE IF EGYPT AND ISRAEL AGREE RAISE REPRESENTATION TO FONMIN LEVEL. MINISTERIAL STAGE STILL EXPECTED BEGIN JAN 4; PRESS REPORTS MENA HOUSE HOTEL MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO KEEP HOTEL AT DISPOSAL OF CONFERENCE FOR ADDITIONAL TWO WEEKS.

4. ACTIVITIES DEC 21 INCLUDED SEPARATE MEETING BETWEEN ABDEL MEGUID, SIILASVUO AND ATHERTON. TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE MET TO COMPLETE TECHNICAL AND PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK OF PEACE CONFERENCE FOR STUDY BY FULL SESSION TODAY. ABDEL MEGUID AND BEN-ELISSAR MET PRIVATELY FOR ONE HOUR LATER IN EVENING.

5. PREPARING FOR BEGIN. MEANWHILE, PAPERS SAY INTENSIVE PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR BEGIN ARRIVAL IN ISMAILIA. AFTER TALKS, MAMMOTH PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN AUDITORIUM OF SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY RESEARCH CENTER. CAIRO, TOO, WHICH ALREADY HAS ON ITS PARTY CLOTHES IN HONOR OF CAIRO CONFERENCE, GETTING INTO ACT. EMBOFF OBSERVED EVENING DEC 21 EGYPTIAN WORKMEN IN PROCESS OF ERECTING LARGE PORTRAIT POSTER ON PYRAMIDS ROAD. THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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TIME, FACE WAS BEGIN'S.

6. CLOUD ON HORIZON. U.S. DISPLEASED WITH BEGIN PLAN, ACCORDING HEADLINER OVER NEWS AGENCY REPORTS CARRIED HERE. PRESIDENT CARTER SAID TO HAVE BEEN DISSATISFIED WITH EXTENT OF BEGIN'S PROPOSALS ON WEST BANK AND GAZA AND URGED HIM TO CHANGE THEM SO SADAT WOULD NOT BE FORCED TO REJECT THEM. PRESS PRESENTLY WITHHOLDING SPECULATION ON WHAT BEGIN WILL BRING WITH HIM BUT AHRAH EDITORIALY REMINDED ISRAELIS THAT PROFOUND EGYPTIAN HOPES FOR PEACE AND WARMTH OF THEIR RECEPTION OF ISRAELI DIPLOMATS AND JOURNALISTS SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH DESIRE FOR PEACE AT ANY PRICE.

7. AKHBAR'S MUSA SABRY SAID LEGAL ARGUMENTS GOING ON OVER WHETHER SHAPE OF PEACE SHOULD BE "TREATY" OR "AGREEMENT". HE CLAIMS THERE BIG DIFFERENCE. FOR INSTANCE IF THE TREATY STIPULATED THE EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE, AND SOMETHING HAPPENED WHICH NECESSITATES THE RUPTURE OF DIPLOMATIC THE TREATY. THE AGREEMENT ON THE OTHER HAND DOES NOT DEAL WITH DECISIONS OF SOVEREIGNTY AND IT SUBJECTS DIPLOMATIC

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